

REMARKS

Summary of the Decision on Appeal from BPAI

The BPAI has affirmed the Examiner's rejections of claims 1 and 4-34 made in the Final Office Action dated September 7, 2005, in which:

Claims 1, 4-6, 9, and 34 were rejected 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicants' admitted prior art (AAPA) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,383,048 to Yang, et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,195,142 to Gyotoku, et al.

Claims 10, 11, 13-15, 18 and 19-21, and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicants' prior art in view of Yang, et al.

Claims 26-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(as) as being unpatentable over Applicants' prior art in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,811,177 to Shi, et al.

Claims 12 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicants' admitted prior art and Yang, et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,195,142 to Gyotoku, et al.

Claims 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103a) as being unpatentable over Applicants' admitted prior art, Yang, et al., Gyotoku, et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,180,176 to Gledhill, et al.

Claims 16, 17, 23, and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicants' admitted prior art and Yang, et al. and further in view of Gledhill, et al.

Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 10-33 are also patentable over the applied references, and therefore the rejections of claims 10-33 should be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully submit that at least claims 1 and 4-34 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments, reconsideration and the timely allowance of all pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under

37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such as an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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